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REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated March 21, 2006. Applicant believes only a one month extension of time is required as calculated from the mailing of the advisory action on August 29, 2006. Claims 1, 4, 5, and 22-68 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed herein.

The specification has been amended to claim benefit of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/331,964, filed on December 30, 2002. Applicants are submitting herewith a Second Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Priority Claim, thereby removing *Galloway* as prior art.

Claim Objections

Claims 4, 25, and 64 stand objected to because of the following informalities.

Applicants have amended the claims for clarification in accordance with the Examiner's comments.

§ 112

Claims 62 and 63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Applicants have amended the claims for clarification in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

§ 103

Claims 1, 4, 5, 22-29, 35, 37, 41, and 62-67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Galloway, et al.* 6,857,487 in view of *Tesco Corporation*, WO 00/50730.

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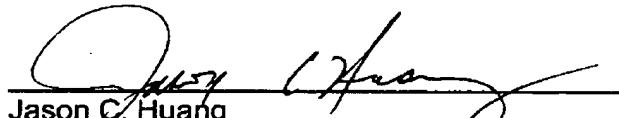
Applicants are submitting herewith a Second Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Priority Claim, thereby removing *Galloway* as prior art. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Final Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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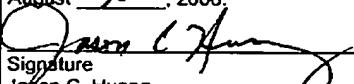
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Dear Sir:

**PETITION TO ACCEPT
AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

This is a second petition to the Commissioner to claim benefit of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/331,964, filed on December 30, 2002, for the above-referenced application. The initial petition was dismissed for improperly incorporating by reference the prior filed application. Applicants are submitting herewith a supplemental amendment deleting the incorporation by reference statement.

The entire delay between the date the claim was due and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

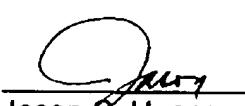
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized under 37 CFR 1.17(t) to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0344/WBP, the fee of \$1,370.00, and for any for any additional fees required to make this Petition acceptable to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants respectfully submit the Petition and requests acceptance of priority claim.

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